

REMARKS

Claims 9-12 are pending in this application, of which claim 9 has been amended. Claim 13 has been canceled. No new claims have been added.

The claims are now in condition for further examination.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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